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Invention:	Clamping Table for Workpieces Date:		28 April 2006
	in a Machine Tool		

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- (1) Within three months of the filing date of a national application;
- (2) Within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in section 1.491 in an international application; or
- (3) Before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last." 37 C.F.R. section 1.97(b).

**NOTE:** "Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the Office, which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section." 37 C.F.R. section 1.56(a).

"Individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of a patent application within the meaning of this section are:

- (1) each inventor named in the application;
- (2) each attorney or agent who prepares or prosecutes the application; and
- (3) every other person who is substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application and who is associated with the inventor, with the assignee or with anyone to whom there is an obligation to assign the application." 37 C.F.R. section 1.56(c).

**NOTE:** The "duty as described in section 1.56 will be met so long as the information in question was cited by the Office or submitted to the Office in the manner prescribed by sections 1.97(b) - (d) and 1.98 before issuance of the patent." Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25 at 17.

**WARNING:** "No information disclosure statement may be filed in a provisional application." 37 C.F.R. section 1.51(b).

### **List of Sections Forming Part of This Information Disclosure Statement**

The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

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1. ☒ Preliminary Statements
2. ☒ Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (substitute for Form PTO-1449)
3. ☐ Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications
4. ☐ Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
5. ☐ Cumulative Patents or Publications
6. ☒ Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement
7. ☒ Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items
  - 7A. ☒ EPO Search Report
  - 7B. ☐ English Language Version of EPO Search Report
8. ☐ Translation(s) of Non-English Language Documents
9. ☐ Concise Explanation of English Language Listed Information Items (Optional)
10. ☒ Identification of Person(s) Making This Information Disclosure Statement

*(complete the following, if appropriate)*

Sections \_\_\_\_\_, respectively, have been continued on ADDED PAGE(S).

**NOTE :** "Once the minimum requirements are met, the examiner has an obligation to consider the information." Notice of April 20, 1992 (1138 O.G. 37-41, 37).

**Section 1. Preliminary statements**

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. section 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Reference Number	Document Number	Issue Date	Inventor	Class/Subclass
	AA	US 3,542,354	11/24/1970	Paul Fitzpatrick	269/22
	AB	US 4,684,113	8/4/1987	Douglas, et al	269/21
	AC	US 5,364,083	11/15/1994	Ross, et al	269/21
	AD	US 5,457,868	10/17/1995	Gottfried Blaimschein	29/559
	AE	US 6,121,781	9/19/2000	Manuel Torres Martinez	324/658
	AF	US 6,250,619 B1	6/26/2001	Cook et al	269/20

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials	Reference Number	Country Code	Document Number	Publication Date	Patentee or Applicant	Class/Subclass
	AG	DE	100 23 915 A1	11/29/2001	Gockel, et al	B 23 Q 3/08
	AH	DE	100 23 921 A1	11/29/2001	Gockel, et al	B 25 B 11/00
	AI	EP	0 534 585 A2	3/31/1993	Paul Charles	B 23 Q 1/02

OTHER DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials	Reference Number	Author	Title of Article, Title of Journal, Volume Number, Page Numbers, Date
	AJ		International Search Report dated 18 July 2005

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation *if not* in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

**Section 6. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement**

*NOTE: 37 C.F.R. section 1.98(a)(2) requires that any information disclosure statement filed under section 1.97 shall include: "A legible copy of: (i) Each U.S. and foreign patent; (ii) Each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) All other information or that portion which caused it to be listed, except that no copy of a U.S. patent application need be included . . ."*

*NOTE: The wording in section 1.98(a)(2)(iii) makes it clear that the requirement to submit a copy of each item of information listed in an information disclosure statement does not apply to the citation of a U.S. patent application. Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25, at 14.*

Legible copies of all items listed in Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (substitute for Form PTO-1449) accompany this information statement.

*(complete the following, if applicable)*

☒ Exception(s) to above:

**U.S. patent citations are not included pursuant to the United State Patent and Trademarks Office's September 21, 2004 waiver of the copy requirement in 37 CFR 1.98 for cited pending U.S. patent citations when the patent citations are available in the USPTO's IFW system.**

☐ Items in prior application, from which an earlier filing date is claimed for this application, as identified in Section 4.

☐ Cumulative patents or publications identified in Section 5.

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**Section 7. Concise Explanation of Non-English Language List Information Items**

**NOTE:** *"A concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in section 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information of each patent, publication, or other information listed that is not in the English language shall be included in any information disclosure statement filed under section 1.97. The concise explanation may be either separate from the specification or incorporated therein." 37 C.F.R. section 1.98(a)(3).*

**NOTE:** *"[T]he explanation required is limited to the relevance as understood by the individual designated in section 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information at the time the information is submitted to the Office." Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25 at 14.*

**NOTE:** *"Where the information listed is not in the English language, but was cited in a search report by a foreign patent officer, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance is satisfied by submitting an English language version of the search report." Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25. at 14.*

**NOTE:** *"The concise explanation requirement for non-English language information may be met by submission of an English language version of the search report indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office." Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25, at 20.*

**WARNING:** *"The requirement in section 1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of non-English language information would not be satisfied by a statement that a reference was cited in the prosecution of a parent application." Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25 at 20 (emphasis added).*

**Section 7A. Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items in EPO Search Report**

The relevance with respect to the following citations listed on Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (substitute for PTO-1449):

is submitted on the basis of the accompanying:

*(check the appropriate item)*

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- ☐ EPO search report that is not in the English language and that is accompanied also by an English language version of the EPO search report, that issued on the corresponding European patent application.

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**Section 10. Identification of Person(s) Making This Information Disclosure Statement**

The person making this certification is

*(check each applicable item)*

(a) ☐ the inventor(s) who signs below

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(b) ☐ an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. section 1.56(c))

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